

Message from the Chairman L. C.—Announcement

MADAM SPEAKER.—I have received the following message from the Chairman.

“As required under rule 116 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Council, I send herewith the Karnataka Private Nursing Homes (Regulation) Bill, 1976 which has been agreed to by the Legislative Council without any amendment. The Bill has already been passed by the Legislative Assembly.”

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *re : atrocities by Police at Bannerghatta on 10-11-1976*

SRI M. B. RAMASWAMY (Anekal).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the atrocities committed by the Police on a Harijan Marriage party at Bannerghatta on 10th November, 1976

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—(Chief Minister) Madam I wish to make the following statement:

On 10-11-1976 a marriage was celebrated in Champakadama Swamy Temple at Bannerghatta between 9-30 a. m. and 10-00 a. m. The Bridegroom was Sri S. G. Yellappa, S/o Gullappa, a harijan and resident of Sattyhalli village in the limits of Anekal Police Station. He is working as Agricultural Extension Officer at Kanakapura in Bangalore District. The Bride was Venkatalakshamma D/o Muni-swamy, a harijan of Mathikere village in Tamilnadu. About 600 persons from Tamilnadu and Bangalore District attended the marriage. After the marriage, these people assembled in a choultry near the temple opposite to Bannerghatta O. P. for food. The marriage party and their relatives have come to Bannerghatta in 2 Tractors. At about 1 p. m, Wazid a Muslim, T. Ramu, a harijan and Narayanappa another Harijan of Tamilnadu who had come for the marriage were sitting in one of the Tractors parked in front of the Choultry. At that time, one Sathyamma aged about 15 years D/o of P. C. 554, Gangaiah of Bannerghatta Out Post passed in front of the Choultry. On seeing her the above three persons teased her. She reported the matter to her brother Jagadish. This girl is aged about 15 years and Lingayath by caste. Her brother in turn went to the Out Post and reported the matter to the sentry P. C. 429, Suryanarayana Rao. He secured those three persons and detained them in the Out Post for enquiry and he sent the brother of the girl to inform the Sub-Inspector Anekal as he was alone at Bannerghatta

The other PCs were away on other duties. After sometime the marriage party people approached the sentry P. C. and requested to release those three persons. He told them that he had sent information to the Sub-Inspector and after the arrival of the Sub-Inspector they would be allowed to go. At about 3-00 p. m. P. C. 554 Gangaiah who is the father of the Girl who was teased returned to the O. P. from Warrant execution. Immediately his son Jagadish came to the out post and reported the matter to him. P. C. Gangaiah on hearing the complaint of his son, assaulted Wazid and T. Ramu with a ruler. The marriage party people who were outside saw this incident and they began to shout as to what authority this P. C. has got to assault them instead of taking legal action. This was followed by a clash between some local people and the members of the marriage party. On seeing this, P. C. Gangaiah and the sentry P. C. went out to separate them. Some persons in the marriage party on seeing P. C. Gangaiah assaulted him with hands and took away the three persons who were inside the outpost. They all then got into the Tractors and bodily dragged P. C. Gangaiah and put him in the Tractor. However, P. C. Gangaiah jumped out from the Tractor, and escaped. The marriage party people immediately proceeded from Bannerghatta towards Anekal. The Inspector incharge of the Flying Squad who was on duty near Bannerghatta got information and brought the two Tractors along with the persons to Bannerghatta O. P. at about 6-30 p. m. Soon after, the Police Sub-Inspector Anekal also reached the place. The Bride and Bridegroom were also present, in the Tractor when they were brought to the out-post. The Police Sub-Inspector recorded the statement of P. C. Gangaiah and registered a case in Cr. No. 216/76 U/S 143, 147, 148, 149, 332, 324 I, P. C. against Yellappa and 17 others. The Bridegroom Sri Yellappa also gave a written report to the Sub-Inspector. This complaint is registered in Cr. No. 217/76 u/s 143, 147, 148, 149 324, I. P. C. In the first case, 7 persons were arrested and released on bail. P. C. Gangaiah, Chikkanna, Ramakrishna, Kaveriga and Muniyappa sustained injuries in the course of the incident. Muniyappa sustained head injury and was admitted to the Mental Hospital at Bangalore. He was operated on 12-11-1976 and he is improving. Both the cases are under investigation. In the second case two persons namely Chikkanna and Ramakrishna have been arrested and released on bail. The injured persons Muniyappa and Kaveriga belonging to the marriage party are accused in the first case. The allegation that the Police committed atrocities on marriage party is not true. It is only a clash between the marriage party and the local people of Bannerghatta. The bridegroom and Bride were not arrested as they are not accused in this case. Only one person is admitted in the Hospital and

he is Harijan Muniyappa, belonging to the marriage party, who has sustained head injury. He is in the Mental Hospital, Bangalore and is progressing. The P. C. Gangaiiah is kept under suspension for assaulting Wazid and T. Ramu in the Police Out Post on 10-11-1976 and a Departmental Enquiry is ordered against this P. C.

Now the cases have been charge-sheeted and posted to hearing by the Court on the 28th January next year.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಿ. ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಈ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಸತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದೂರವಾದುದು,

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು, ಈಗ ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಅದು ಸಬ್ ಜುಡೀಸ್ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಿ. ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಮದುವೆ ಮಂಗಳಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಇಬ್ಬರೂ ಮೂವರೂ ಪೊಲೀಸನವರು ವಿನಾಶಾರಣ ಬಿ. ಎ. ಓದತಕ್ಕ ಒಬ್ಬ ಹುಡುಗನ ತಲೆಗೆ ಹೊಡೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಗ ಆತ ಮೆಂಟಲ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಮೂರು ದಿವಸ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾಶೂನ್ಯ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದನು. ಅದಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಪರಿಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ತರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

(II) *re: Postponement of election of the President at Mandya Town Municipal Council.*

SRI H. T. KRISHNAPPA (Nagamangala).—I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration to the situation arising out of the abrupt postponement of the election of the President of the Town Municipal Council, Mandya.

2-00 P. M.

SRI D. K. NAIKAR (Minister for Municipal Administration and Political Pensions).—Sir I wish to make the following statement

The voting for election of the President and Vice-President of the City Municipal Council, Mandya should have taken place on 29th July 1976 as scheduled. But on the day prior to the date of the voting two councillors of the City Municipal Council, Mandya represented to Government that two of the 31 Municipal Councillors had been spirited away by the interested persons solely with a view to preventing them from voting and that their non-participation in the voting would materially affect the results of the election. In view of this, the councillors requested the Government, to postpone the voting to enable the attendance of the two councillors who were alleged to have been spirited away:

The allegations were made on oath. The local police who were asked to investigate into the truth of the matter reported that the two councillors were not available and their whereabouts were not known. The report of the police, *prima facie* lent support to the allegations and Government's intervention was considered necessary. The matter was carefully considered by Government on the available evidence secured at short notice.